

January 22, 1976

CLERK: Do you want me to read the motion?

PRESIDENT: Yes. Before that, please read the motion.

CLERK: The motion is to amend LB 651 to read 3 to 7 percent. Roll call vote taken. See page 328, Journal.

PRESIDENT: There is a motion to raise the Call. All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. The motion carries. The Call is raised. Report the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull's amendment carries. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move that we advance LB 651 as amended, a couple of times, I guess, now. The bill is back in its original form as it was introduced and I am sure that you are wondering why I voted both ways and you are right because I did. But as I said to begin with, I did not have any real commitment to the figures. I picked two that I thought might be acceptable and with plenty of flexibility but I did not fight my Committee when they felt that that was too flexible and wanted to narrow it and wanted to give a little more in the lower area than what the bill originally called for. I think it is well, maybe, that the body has had an opportunity to express themselves both ways in addition to our Committee, and while the Legislature now did not follow the Committee's decision, I am still in support of the bill, believing it to be very worthwhile, and does give more flexibility to the Board of Equalization when they make their decision. I think, and I apologize for not saying a little bit more in my opening remarks, but Senator Warner has cleared up a couple of things that needed to be said. First of all, that this flexibility in this overlevy does not, in itself, create an increase. It is only one factor that the Board of Equalization uses to set the rates and that is an important factor, and while it could be a contributing factor, it is not one in itself, and maybe I was not quite that clear to Senator Syas, and for that, I do apologize, but that is the way it is. I do feel that this is only a good business procedure. Most of us, even though our bank accounts get pretty low from time to time, we do seriously attempt to keep an operating fund there that will keep us in business and it does seem to me that this is only a good business procedure that we do it this way. I would move, then, Mr. President, that LB 651 be advanced to E & R.

SENATOR SAVAGE PRESIDING

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, a